It seems like my college days are passing real fast too.
It's already September of my second year of college. huh...
Wow... You're super tan!
I just got back from Australia and my sunscreen didn't work at all.
No way! Lucky.
Are you gonna spend the whole afternoon staring out into space again?
You're wasting your life.
THEY LEFT ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

Huh?
Why you askin'?
Ah...! Hey, hey, are you doing anything tomorrow?
A-su-ka...

Yeahhh, but I wasn't real close to anyone other than Kazama...
...I was thinkin' no one would mind if I didn't go.
There's a high school reunion thing.
Didn't you get the email?

Goin' all the way to a class reunion just to talk to me is kinda pointless, don't you think?
Then why don't you just stay home, too?
Aw, let's go toge-ther!
I didn't have a lot of friends there, either, and it'll suck not to have anyone to talk to.
I just want a chance to see everyone!
And who knows? Mebbe it'll be fun times!
Huh? Then mebbe you should go by yourself, mebbe!
I told ja that's not how you use that word! You makin' fun of me!

A town where you live
#204 Reunion ♥

Man, look at you, why'd you go all Jersey shore on us?
For real!! Well, I'll follow them too.
Ugh, there's the worst.
So then, I accidentally put my name on their list, and they ended up coming all the way to my house!
Chatter
Chatter

Isolated.
NYC TOMMY
What, you didn't know that?
No way! Those two were dating?!

Wow, you're still working on software, Asuka?
What d'you mean you didn't have a lot of friends?
Gurh. I earn my living as a recommerce-ologist, after all.
Oh really?
She looks like she's havin' a lot of fun.

Would ya look at that...
I knew it would end up turnin' out this way...

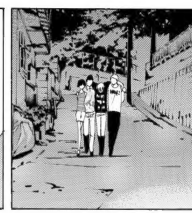
Ah, Nagoshi! You came here, too?
Good, good, you wanna hang out with–
woosh
GLARE じろ?
...Uh.
Why haven't you gotten in touch with me even once?
I've been waiting and waiting for a message, you know.
Huh? What d'you mean by–
...Oh, really?
So once you get one on the line, you don't have to pay attention?
Wha ...?!
She's goin' off about a bunch of stuff I don't get again.

What's she on about...
....

Hey-
I'm done!!
You know, I still have Sakamoto-kun's email address!!

Dammit, I knew I shouldn't have come!!
Man, at this point there's nothin' to do but drink!!

Hey, get ahold of yourself, Kirishima.
Unnnh
C'mon, walk on your own!
We're takin' you home. Where's it?
NYC
GAYTRIO

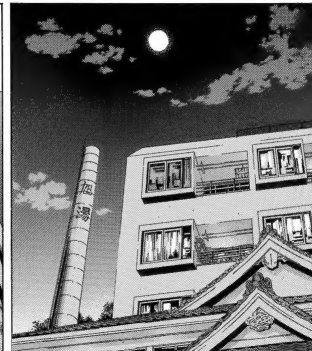


I... It's near Takada-nobaba station!!
Quit screwin' around. I'm not askin' where you grew up!!
West Virginia.

Take me home... to th' place... I belong...
Hiroshima's my home...

Hey, keep it down. It's already past midnight.
Heck, naw!! I'm goin' back to Hiroshima!!
His older sister lives there...
Ah..! Then how about you just take him to my apartment building. It's really close by!
Aw, man, no way we can take him all the way there!

Later...
Man, you gotta get it together better with your girlfriend here.
See ya.
Th-thanks
Sorry!!



I told them I'm not your girl-friend.
....
Quit bein' a fuss-pot.
C'mon, get up! You can't just stay sitting there forever!
Where are we at? / Is this Miyajima ??
Quiet down !!
Ding Dong
ピンポーン
....
Huh...
I won-der if Aoi-san's not home...
Ah, it's Sat-urday so she's prob-ably out drink-ing...
What should I do... The landlord's probably asleep by now...

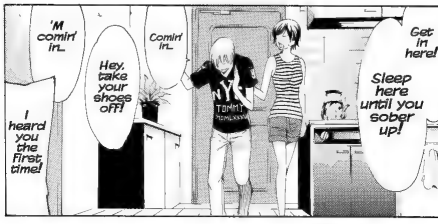
KACHIK
Well, fine.
Eventually, you'll just go home.
So sleep there.
Tatsuo-kun, please...
YC
MY

Mn..
Flicker..
Flicker..
Oh..

KACHK
I wonder if he's okay... I guess I am a little worried...
?!
What are you doing?!
I really feel like I can fly right now...
Fly away... Hm...?
Sky high?
Fly high?

304
Akari Mishima
御島 明日

You idiot!!
Come on, get down from there. It's the third floor!!
Im-mor-tal!
I'm im-mor-tal!
Shut up!!


Get in here!
Sleep here until you sober up!
'M comin' in...
Comin' in...
Hey, take your shoes off!
I heard you the first time!

Hm?
Yu-zu-ki?

I had no idea that you were such an annoy-ing drunk...
I feel bad for Yuzuki-chan.

Yeah...
Your girl-friend, Yuzuki-chan!

?!
Yu-zu-ki!!
FWSH
N-St-
Hm?
Idiot, don't mistake me for-
Stop it! Stop Feelin' up on me!!
You-
-Feel a little smaller, doncha?
SNAP

Die !!
BAM
Urgh !!

NNNN
NNNN
I can't have someone dying at my apartment building.
But if I'd just let him be out there, he'd have hurt himself or worse...
I wonder if I really should have taken him in here...
Close
I feel a little guilty about it.
....

Mnh...
Hyh—?
Where am I?
He's just my friend now...
Hey there, now's no time for a stroll down memory lane!
Ah...
....
You okay?
You want some-thing to drink?
You've finally sobered up a little bit, huh?
H-Huh?
Bwuhh—!

Hey!!
Wh-?!
GRAB
ポフ
POF

Hey-
Wel-
come
home,
Yuzuki.

You
sleep-
walkin'
or
some-
thin'?!
Y-
....

Wh...
Jeez...
Are you awake now...?
A...
Asu-ka..?

...Wh...
Jeez...

A town where you live

#205 Sparks

Jump
This is MY house!
Wh..!
W.. What are you doing in my house on top a me..
A..
A-su-ka..?
You were wasted, so I had some guys drag you to Asahi-yu..
And then Aoi-san wasn't in, so I couldn't help it. I had to let you come up!
Huh..?
I really couldn't have avoided it if I'd tried! You were yelling and trying to jump off the third floor.
S.. Sorry..
I really didn't think I was that drunk.

Er...
...did I do anything weird to ya...?
...
Uh, like, so...
Do you remember anything...?
....
Good.
No, you didn't do anything.
NYC
OMM
MLXXX
...No.
No-thin'...
...Oh, yeah?

Y..You want something to drink?
I have water and tea..
Ah, yeah, can I get some water?
Sure.
Man, it's been a while...
...since I been in here, I mean.
Yeah.. it has.
It's kinda nostalgic.
Ah, you're still usin' that teacup, huh.
G..Guess so.
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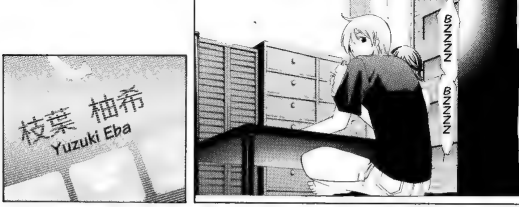
枝葉 柚希
Yuzuki Eba
BZZZZZ
BZZZZZ

Ah, it's Yuzuki.
Huh?!

Um...
Why don't you just keep quiet about being here at my place, huh!
Uh, hey!
THUMP
Heyyy!
Sorry, sorry. I'm at Asuka's place right now.

Yeah. I guess I got kinda wasted and somebody took me back to Asahiyu.
Yeah... Some guys from class.
And then Aoi wasn't home, and Asuka couldn't leave me alone like that, so she let me into her room.
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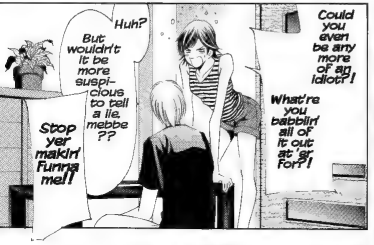
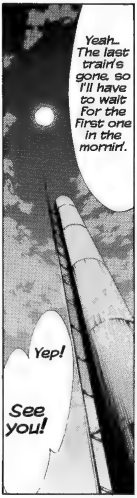

Could you even be any more of an idiot?!
What're you babblin' all of it out at, sir Fox?!
Huh?
But wouldn't it be more suspicious to tell a lie, mebbe??
Stop yer makin' Furima mel!


Yeah... The last train's gone, so I'll have to wait for the first one in the mornin'.
Yep!
See you!

Well, I mean, Yuzuki wasn't mad or nothin.

....
Oh, really. Let me ask you something...

Huh?
Would you be like, "oh, okay" and not worry about it?
If Yuzuki called you right now and said, "I got wasted and I'm staying at Kyousuke's place..."

Uh.. What should I do?
Should I call her again and apologize for real this time?!
Wh-
What do I do?

Well.. That'd probably suck.
Ya think?! That's normal, yanno?!
Yeah.
You can't just leave it like that!!

You said nothing happened, though?!
No! If you do that it'll look like something happened!!
I know!!

First train huh.
Ding Dong
ピンポーン
Huh?
Wh-what-what? Who could be here at this hour?

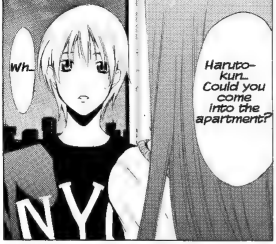
KACHK
I-- I'm home...
Good evening...

You didn't have to come back so fast. I wasn't really--
Well... After I said that, we decided to come home by taxi.
I thought you might worry...

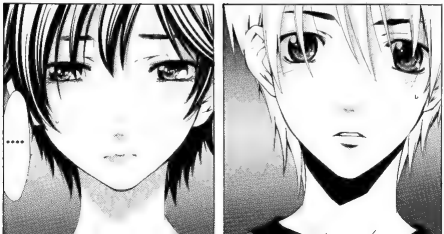
Hyh
I'm sorry, Yuzuki-chan...

Haruto-kun and Asuka-chan.
What happened? Weren't you coming home on the first train...?

It really would have been dangerous to leave him alone like that, so I had to bring him in...
This may sound like just an excuse, but...
I really am sorry...
But... I mean, you probably don't like the idea of your boyfriend staying with his ex-girlfriend.


Wh...
Haruto-kun... Could you come into the apartment?
...Um, but...
It's really my fault. For getting so drunk...
...so don't blame Asuka or anything.
TOMMY

I want to talk to Asu-ka-chan.
...just the two of us.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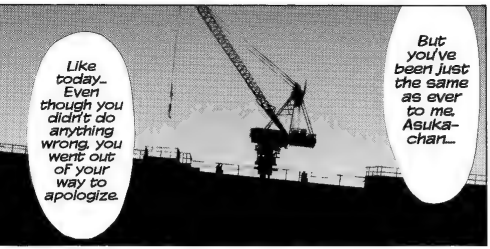
Um...
What did you want to...
TAP
TAP
Wh...
I was thinking...
TAP
...It would probably be best to just leave things as they are and not say anything about it.
TMP
But...
...I really can't do that...

I'm so, so sorry !!
....
Okay?
I...
...took your boy-friend.

If someone had done that to me...
...I don't think I'd ever want to see their face again.
...Yuzuki-chan.


But you've been just the same as ever to me, Asuka-chan...
Like today... Even though you didn't do anything wrong, you went out of your way to apologize.

....
...who's done something wrong...
Even though... I'm the one...

Seeing you apologize for no reason just pisses me off!
Feels like...
...I lost, don't you think?
I...
I'm sorr-
...!!

Ah!
That apology wasn't an apology like that...
I... I just...
.....
Pf...
It was just a joke! I guess it was a little mean, though.
Let's stop talking about it! I'm no good at stuff like this.
B-But...
Right now, you and me and Haruto are all friends...
...That's fine with me.
Huh?
Anyhow, I've got a lotta free time 'til the first train.
But-

You wanna come hang out with me, maybe?
I think there are places near the station that are open.
Let's go get a drink...
...just us girls.
Yeah!
Mmm...
That sounds cool. I'm in mood.
...I hope it's not a blood-bath out there...

Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
西常祭
Seijo Festival
Seijosai
Outdoor Club
キャンプ料理!!
Camposite cooking!!
Sorry, I got an important errand to run, so I'm leavin' the shoop to you.
I wrote down the recipes for you.
S'cuse me! Can I get a winter veggie pasta, please?
Got it!!
It's so good! You really make this while campin'gr!
Can I get three meat-loafs?
That jerkoff... He's just slackin' off at the festival's concert!!
And what the hell's with these authentic Italian recipes?!

A town where you live

#206 Yes or No

Kreeee
Got it!
They're really gonna make me keep cookin' ...?
All right, we're going to go buy more ingredients, so until we come back, you can have a break, Kirishima-kun.
Woww! We sold out in such a short time!
Kiri-shima-kun...
Hm? Yeah, I was Failin' down drunk and some guys took me there, I guess.
When I woke up, I was in her room.
I heard from some friends...
...that after the class re-union...
...you ended up going to Asuka's apart-ment. Is that true?
...!!
Oh no...
But, y'know... I went home right after that.
Huh...?

....
No matter what the reason, she won't like you stayin' at your ex-girlfriend's place.
Well, I mean, it's no good for your girlfriend, is it?
I'm just talking to myself, though.
Now that I think of it, next month is Christmas.
It'd be nice to go to Fantasy-land or something with my boyfriend.
...?
You shouldn't be hiding things like you did! Jeez!
W...Well, I didn't doubt you, you know!
But if you really care that much about your girlfriend, shouldn't you pay a little more attention!?
Huh...
I didn't know she had a boyfriend.
Must be tough to be goin' out with such a confusing girl.
W, well...
Okay...

Ah... No thanks. I'm good.
Uh... Um...
We also have apple-sauce bubble tea, and it's delicious!
Come on in! How about a salt cookie?
Hm?

But it's delicious...
....

I told you if you don't at least put some lemon juice in there, it's gonna oxidize and turn all brown.
I... I did, though! It started to look like this over time!

Doesn't really help if it looks gross, though.
Kirishima-kun.

What's that s'posed to mean?!
Well, I guess you know how hard it is to work with apples, don't ya, Kanzaki.

Hm..?
I think it's really tasty, actually!
The texture difference between the applesauce and the tapioca pearls is really fun!
Just the kind of thing I expect from you, Kanzaki-san.
Ah..
Fujikawa-kun
Thank you! I'm really proud of it!
You almost killed him.
KAFF
KAFF
Oh.. Oh no, are you all right?! Maybe using black pepper as an accent was a bad idea!!
N..No! It was just a little unexpected.
KAFF
And the idea to use the salt that's really popular this season was..
CHOMP

!!
Hey-
He isn't the guy, is he? The one who asked you out a while ago?
Ah.
Eh, just a guess.
I was like, hmmm, I wonder-
O-Oh-
H-H-How did you know?
Huh-?
Oh... Uh... What should I...
Ah. Hey, Kanzaki-san, do you want to have lunch together?
I'm on break for an hour, so I decided to come ask you.
....
You got nothin' better to do.
Why not go with 'im!

Why did I have to come, too...?
It's true.
Ohhhh! So you and Kanzaki-san were classmates since middle school, then, Kirishima-san.
Oh really?!
I was born and raised in Tokyo, so I'm really envious of people with cool accents.
It's amazin, just amazin!!!!
So when it's just the two of you, do you slip back into a Hiroshima accent?
Yeah, I guess we probably do.
Eh, I just talk in Hiroshima dialect to everybody.
That's really more a Kansai accent, y'know.
What a weirdo.
Huh?
So how would I say it? It's jest amazing, yanno?
That just makes you sound like your momma didn't raise you right.

I used to think Tokyo was like a whole different world, you know.
The fact that I'm there right now gives me such a strange feeling...
Ahaha! Is that really how you feel, Kanzaki-san? How funny.

Huh...

No matter what she says, it seems like there's a pretty good mood goin' here.
Maybe Kanzaki really did go ahead and start dating that guy.

Ah... Sorry I kept you so long.
Well, I better get back to the shop.

Hm?
Sure.

No, it was my fault, really!
Ah... Next time can you teach me to talk some more Hiroshima dialect, Kirishima-kun?

It was great, thank you!
Thank you very much.

Um...
Wh... What should I do...?
Hm?

....

Ahh...
So that's why she dragged me along.

Er... what do you think of Fujikawa-kun... from another guy's POV...?

Oh...
I had a good time talkin' to him, at least.
Well, I guess he's a little childish... A little odd. But he seems like a good guy, y'know?

...All right then.

Hey, wait a sec... didn't he ask you out at the start of the year?!
That was almost a year ago, right?!
B-But!!
You aren't dating him already?
No... I asked him to wait for an answer.
Then...
Maybe I'll try dating him.
Huh?

Look...
When I asked you out, you said no at first... And then later you asked me to wait for an answer, right?
Then, I waited like three months and in the end you turned me down at the summer festival, y'know.
Hey... Kanzaki...
You been like that for a real long time, huh.
Wh... Like what?!

...Um?
But, hey, is Fujikawa as wishy-washy as I was, huh?
That was just because you were so wishy-washy, so it was on you!
Aw, I guess.

I knew she was a pain!!
I mean, he hasn't really said anything about it since then, so..
But I feel like with all this time having passed, now it's kind of a bad time to bring it back up again, you know?
Well, no, he isn't.

All the while thinkin' about what if they just don't like you at all, and stuff.
Hey, don't you think it's tough to ask somebody out and then keep pressin' the issue at them when they already asked you to wait?

Anyhow, it's been practically a year, don't you think he's suffered enough?!
Just hurry up and answer the poor guy!!
Oh.. Yeah..
No! I'm not talkin' about that right now!!
Did you feel that way, then? I'm sorry..

...Yushi
He doesn't seem like such a bad guy to me, after all.
Why don't you just give him a chance and go out with him?
Well, he invited me out to an amusement park tomorrow...
That's how I'll answer him.
Yeah, do your best, huh.
I think you'll probably have more fun than you think. If you just go out with him.
Yeah... Thank you.
Plus, I mean... It's getting kind of embarrassing...
...Uh.
...to still be a virgin at this age.

Thank you very much!
It was all really good!
Uh- Uh nuh.
Well, I'm gonna take off.
Thanks for coming along.
Man, why'd she say somethin' so shocking outta nowhere...
....
Um... Pardon me...
I bet they came back with the supplies by now...
Well, I better get a move on.

You wouldn't happen to be...
...a friend of Nanami-chan's, would you...?

Huh...?
Yeah, I am...
I have something I need to talk to you about...
...Do you have a minute...?
Uh... Well, if it's just a minute...
Oh... nice to meet you.
I'm a friend of hers, Nao Takanami.
Ah... Hey... I'm Haruto Kirishima.

Hmm..
So the three of you had lunch together, then.
Yeah, she wanted to know what I thought of him as another guy.
I told her I thought he seemed like a good kid, y'know...

Sorry, I gotta get back to the stand, y'know...
So... what was it you wanted to talk about...?

....

...That guy...
Fuji-kawa-kun, the one you were with...
Fwoosh
Uh... Okay.
...You can't tell Nanami-chan...
...that you heard this from me, all right? Promise me.

He's a really huge playboy.
....
Wha ?
After he's had sex with a girl once...
...he gets bored of her right away and just tosses her aside...

TAP
カツ
TAP
カツ

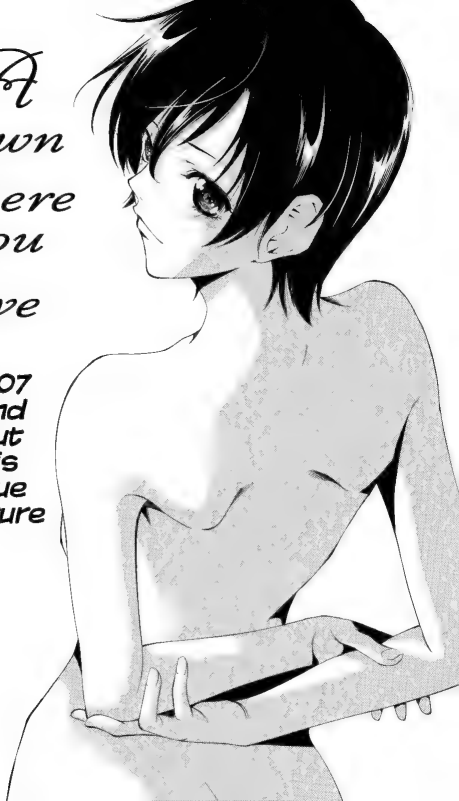
He didn't really seem like that at all, to me.
I thought so too... But before he got close to Nanami-chan, I dated him...
And well.. we'd barely... done it for the first time and his personality completely changed...

Wh... He's that kind of a jerk?
Yes.

Yeahhh, I really don't think this is working out...
Sorry, but can we break up?
He said.
F-For real? Damn...
But I really can't tell Nanami-chan about it.
I tried to sort of let her know about it in a roundabout way, but she didn't seem to get it at all...
So can you let her know about him, Kirishima-kun?
...
Let her know what kind of guy he really is.
I can't just take what she said on faith, though.
But if it's really true, I gotta take responsibility for tellin' Kanzaki to go ahead and date him.
Anyhow, whether I tell her...
...all depends on what kind of guy he seems like after I keep an eye on him for a while.

A town where you live

#207 Find Out His True Nature



Heyyy Fujikawa, where you been, man?
I've been looking for you!
Oh, sorry, Ichihara-senpai. I was getting some lunch.
Was it really busy?
Oh, no, that's not it.

Ah... So he's friends with that showy upperclassman, huh?
That means the shop he's running is with that tennis club that does nothing but go on group dates all the time?

The place has been dead!
So I was thinkin' we might go try to pick up some chicks.
Huh...?
Ah, but I can't just suspect him on that...
He might be really serious about playin' tennis or somethin'.

Ah... Sorry.
I really have some-place I need to be!
Oh...
He turn-ed him down?
Oh what's this? Lady stuff, maybe?
Ha ha ha.

Yeah, actu-ally!
..?!
I've had my eye on 'em since this morning, and I thought I'd go check 'em out.
What. that cutie?!
Lemme come along!!
No way!
IF I show you, you might just snatch 'em away from me!
Hey, wait a-
Whaat? selfish man!

Had his eye on them since this morning...
Well, see you later.
Uh huh. good luck, man.
Does that mean he's going off to pick them up right now?
.....
No... I can't just go ahead and jump to conclusions.
That's how I always get into weird misunderstandings...
Fwoosh
Anyhow, I won't make a judgment until I manage to see it with my own eyes...
...exactly who it is that he's been checkin' out.
Yo, Haruo, what's the matter? You're lookin' real serious, man.
Ah, Takashi...
Guess I am, a little.

Hey, you play tennis, right?
You know that Fuji-kawa kid?!
Fuji-kawa
Ah!
Hey, c'mon, buy a little somethin' from me.
No- body's buyin' from our shop, man.
Nah, I had lunch a minute ago.

...!!
Oh yeah, that playboy, right?

I wasn't jealous of him or nothin' though!
'Cause I got my sweet honey angel Kyomi-chan around, y'know!
Ew, dude. Cut it out.

Huh?
...Oh, speak of the devil...

I seen him out at a family restaurant with a bunch of girls just chatterin' away makin' a lotta noise and havin' fun, right?
F- For real?

Where'd you goooo?
Sorry, sorry! I had something to do.
Something? Not with another girl, I hope?
We've been looking all overrr!

....
Maybe I'll just go hang with Kiyomi.
Whew. man, nothin's sellin' at all.

Oh... Then, can I come too, Akki?
Oh... Hey, Akihito... You're free tonight, right? Why don't I come over to your place and make you some dinner?

Whaat, no fair, I wanna come too!!
No way, you're still just a high school kid.
I can go! What are you planning to do without me?
Stuff little kids aren't allowed to do. ♥

Come on, cut it out. Don't talk like that out here.
Anyway, I promised someone I'd go out with them tomorrow, so I can't have you guys over tonight.

I'm busy, see you later!
Awww.. So cold, Aki. We hitooo came especially to hang out with you!

Uh...
....

Whaat? Oh no, it really is a girl?
You're so mean. Are we not enough for you?
H-Hey!
RUSTLE RUSTLE

N... No, no. I can't rush my judgement, this doesn't necessarily mean...
I mean, it could be that they're real close siblings, right?!
TAP
TAP
Who the heck has he been eyein'...
But where's he goin' now...?
SLP

Hey, this is...
TAP
TAP
Wh...
Oh, yes! I do! I'd go so far as to say incredibly cute!
Ahhh! I'm so happy!
You really think so, then?!
...!!

AYYYY! FUJI-KAWAA!!
H-Haru-to-kun!
Oh. Kiri-shima-kun? Did you need me?

What're you doin' makin a move on my girlfriend!!
Just give it a rest already, damn!!
He-
GRAB
!!
!!
And you... You need to stop bein' all smiles when he gives you a compliment like that!!
B... But...
Hey, Kirishimagari, what's the matter with you?!
You need to stop stuff like this!!
Um... It looks like you've got the wrong idea here...
No I don't! I been watchin' you all day, man!
But...
....

These hand-made mit-tens...
I just came here to buy these, though.
Uhhh ?!
....
...Uh.
That's what he was compli-menting me on.
The cute mit-tens.
I've been thinking about them since this morning, when I was walking around here and spotted them...
...I thought if they were still here, I'd buy them.

Um…
Well…
Yeah, but… Why do you need cute mittens like that, anyhow?!

I asked Kanzaki-san to go out with me tomorrow…
And she gets cold really easily, apparently…
And she said she's been wanting handmade-looking cute mittens…
So I thought I'd give her these as a present tomorrow…

Ah… You saw that?
They asked you if they could come over tonight and all…
Those three girls you were hanging out with earlier…
B… But…
You…

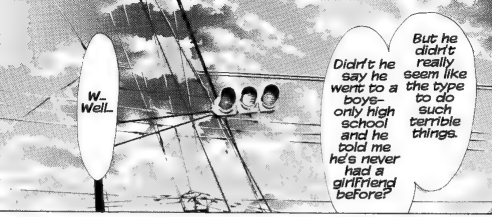
….

Those were my sisters.
I thought so, I'm so sorry.

Um.
What's going on?

Ohh...
So that's why you got so upset, Haruto-kun.
Uh huh.

HELL LIFE


W-Well...
Didn't he say he went to a boys-only high school and he told me he's never had a girlfriend before?
But he didn't really seem like the type to do such terrible things.

Then why did she say all that to me?
Weird.
Stare...
Hm?
What is it?
Nothing... I just think it's a little unusual...
You don't usually get that jealous.
B-But!

And he waited almost a whole year for an answer from Nanami-chan, so he really seems like he's serious about this...
Yeah.

Do you really love me...
...that much?
.....
Yeah...
Hee hee, well I love you, too!
You don't have to say it all the time, I already know.

A town where you live
#208 Redirected Unrequited Love

We've...
...decided to start dating!
...In other words...
You have?
Well, good for you.
Congrats.
I'm going to introduce him to everyone again later on, but...
...since you gave me a lot of really good advice, I thought I'd tell you first, Kirishima-kun.
Thank you, Kirishima-kun!
I feel like I'm dreaming.
Aw, I didn't really do nothin'.

...O-kay.
Real-ly-
...thanks for every-thing!
No!

Fuji-kawa-kun?!
I have my body braced for impact!!
Yes, sir!
FWIP
All right, Fujikawa! From here on out, you're my operative in charge of tryin' Kanzaki's new treats!
Steel your-self?!

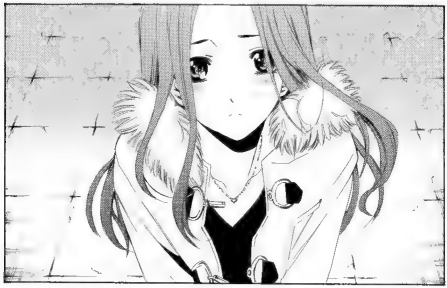
...But, man...

What was that about?!
It was a dare!
Really?

Come on, Kanzaki-san. It's almost time for 4th period.
Uh... Oh... All right. See you later, Kirishima-kun.
Later.

Hm?
Umm.

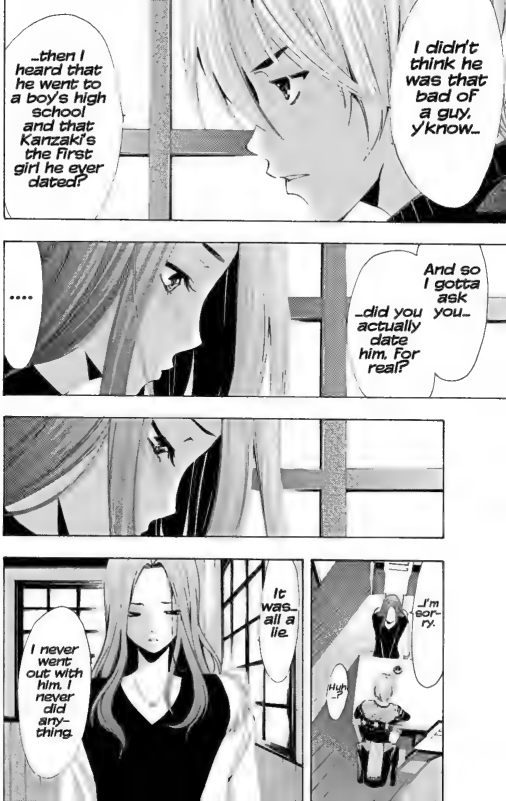
Ah. Oh well. As long as they're happy.
I can't see it as anything but a big sister takin' her little brother on a walk.



Somehow the two of them managed to start dating yesterday.
Um, those two were holding hands. What's that about?

Ah!
You!

....
Some-thing terrible's going to happen to Nanami-cha-
He's a really bad guy!!
So... Uh...
D-Dat-ing?!
Why didn't you stop them, Kiri-shima-kun?!
Hey..
I've got some-thing I wanna ask you, d'you mind?
Huh-?
Fwshhhh-
Amami


I didn't think he was that bad of a guy, y'know...
...then I heard that he went to a boy's high school and that Kanzaki's the first girl he ever dated?
And so I gotta ask you...
...did you actually date him. For real?
....
I'm sorry.
Huh?
It was... all a lie.
I never went out with him. I never did anything.

BAM!
!!
twitch
Why'd you lie to me, huh?!
I was this close to breakin' up my friend's relationship!!
H...
Hey, now...

Nh
plip
Wh...

plip
Nnn gh...
plip
Hey !!

But I thought I just had to do something or the two of them would start dating!
Huh?
C'mon!!
Waaah..
Hey! I ain't even that mad...!
Hey, don't cry!

The truth is I've always had these unrequited feelings...
...and I've just been too much of a coward to do anything about it.
And Narumi-chan just got close to him all of a sudden...
...I just don't know what to do anymore!

Oh, I see. She really cares about Fujikawa.
She seems pretty desperate about the whole thing...
....

....
..I did some pretty awful things too, so I guess I can't really judge ya..
Well.. I get that.
I was pretty desperate to get with my current girlfriend..
Huh?
"Thank you..
But, seeing the smiles on their faces just now, it took all the fight out of me.
Man
..In the end, I just want her to be happy.
Besides, no matter how much it hurts, Nanami-chan is my dear friend..

I really get that feeling...
I felt just like that back then...

TMP
Y_ Yeah.
Well, I should really get going.
I'm so sorry I lied to you.

Man, I feel kinda bad for her...
....

H_ Hey!
You wanna take an hour and just go relax?
Huh_ Relax_?

SNIFF

It feels pretty re-fresh-ing, right?
To just let those balls fly?

My hands are still all tingly...
That's the first time I've ever been to a batting cage...
I go batting from time to time...
...when I'm feelin' like I need to get the cob-webs out.
Hm...

Hah?
...

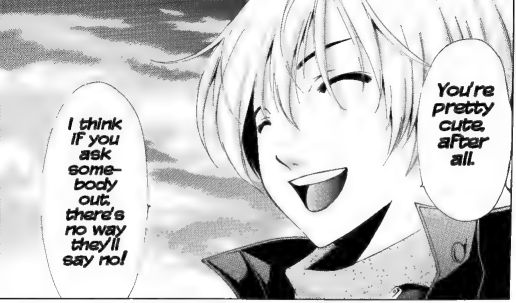
Wh-Ya didn't?
Sorry, I was just off in my own world...
Uh... Well I didn't really end up hitting anything, you know?

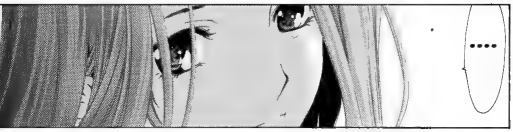
Don't worry!
I really do feel re-freshed!
Just moving your body feels a lot better than standing around all wishy-washy!

....

You'll be Fine!
Huh?

All right! Next time, for sure, I'll make my feelings known!
Even if I get turned down, I don't want to have any regrets anymore!


You're pretty cute, after all.
I think IF you ask somebody out, there's no way they'll say no!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And I'll give you a hand if I can, you just ask me.
I bet you'll find somebody great real soon!

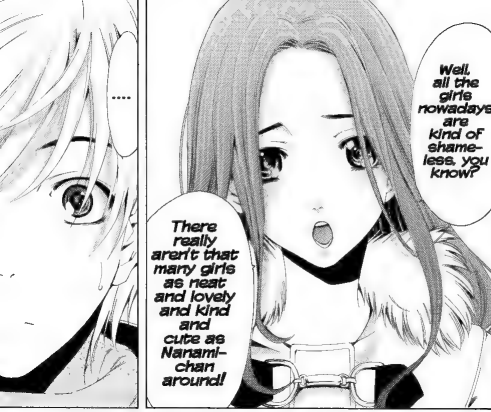
You're really nice, Kiri-shima-kun!
Aw, c'mon. I'm serious. I wasn't just flattering you!

But I don't know IF a person like that will be so easy to find...
Thank you...

...someone as great as Nanami-chan.

Wh...?

...Huh?
Oh... Was his name Fuji-kawa?
You know, Kanzaki's boy-friend.
Who's that?
...Uh.
You mean Fuji-kawa?


....
There really aren't that many girls as neat and lovely and kind and cute as Nanami-chan around!
Well, all the girls nowadays are kind of shame-less, you know?

She's thaaaaat kind of girl then... Is that what it waaaas...
Ahh...

What's the matter? You got quiet all of a sudden.
Nah...

Oh? Haruto-kun.
...a girl like that.
I wonder if she really exists...

What are you doing here at this time of day?

Wh-
There she is!!
Ah, Yuzuki.
Um.. Who's this?
...?

Oh.. I see..
Nice to meet you. I'm Yuzuki Eba.
I just got my heart broken today so he decided to come out with me to cheer me up a little!!
Nice to meet you!! I'm Kirishima-kun's friend, my name's Nao Takanami!!

HEY!
Yuzuki-chan, then? What a cute name!!

I don't care who you fall in love with, but she's off limits!
...
Yuzuki's my girl-friend !!
I'm not gettin' in anybody's way!!
What is it?
Don't get in my way!
Yeah, but I didn't say I'd sacrifice myself !!
...?
...?
You said just now that you'd give me a hand, didn't you?!
Then break up with her right now!

Ah maaan... Work was the worst today...
I'm real tired... And my back frickin' hurts.
But I don't got class 'til the afternoon tomorrow...
...so tonight I can just chill out with Yuzuki for the first time in a while.
KACHIK
Who's here?
Heey!

A town where you live

#209 Are You For Real?!

Heyyy!!
What're you two doin'?!
Ah, Kirishima-kun.
Welcome home!
Yuzuki-chan said that her lips were feeling a little dry, so I was going to check that.
What are you so nervous about?
Wha...
Huh?!
Anyway, what are you even doin' at my place?!
And this late at night!!
hmph
Oh, Nao-chan is thinking about joining the handicrafts club.
But before she does, she wanted to just get a little bit of an idea of what it's like from me.

Sh... She came here to make a pass at Yuzuki!
Oh, Yuzuki-chan! Your fingers are so thin and beautiful...
...no wonder you're so good at knitting!
Hee hee, you think so?
Plus, it doesn't seem like Yuzuki's on her guard around her at all!!

All right, you heard about it so you don't gotta stick around!!
Eek!
GRAB

Whaa...
No... I'm just...

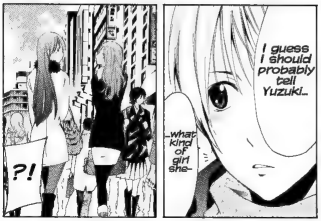
!!

Hey, Haru-to-kun!
Don't be so mean to your own friend! Why would you do such a thing!?

I'll go home.
I feel like I'm butting in on things.
Ah... Sorry, you finally managed to make it here, too.
When you come back next time, we'll have plenty of time to hang out.
Okay! I'll come back later!
He-
Don't worry, I'm just a platonic friend.
Let's have this be a fair fight!
Huh...?
Jeez.
Fight nothin', I'm the boyfriend here!
SLAM
Well, good-night!
...By the way, Haruto-kun, come over here and sit down, won't you?
Huh...What?
glare

Nao-chan told me some-thing...
She said that when you heard that Nanami-chan had found her-self a boy-friend, you were really down about it. Is that true?
Huh?!
N-- No, of course not!!
That jerk!! This ain't fighting fair at all!!!

Looks like I really gotta keep my guard up and be careful...
I thought this was just a joke, but it looks like she's kinda serious about it.


I guess I should probably tell Yuzuki...
...what kind of girl she...
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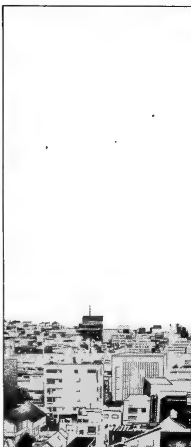
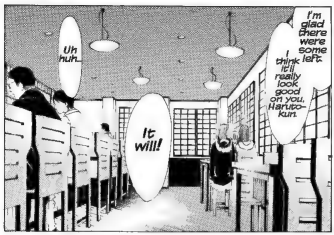


DASH
HEY HEY HEY!! Aren't you ever gonna learn?!
Wh-What's the matter, Haruyo-kun? You seem frantic.
I know. It surprised me.
I'm the one who's surprised!!
What're you doin with Yuzuki agai-
I asked her to come shopping with me...
I thought I'd buy you a sweater.
Huh...
I saw a cute sweater at a shop at Korakuen so I told her about it.
I thought it'd look nice on you.
Ah... Sorry.
Huh... Maybe she's not so bad.

Yeah right, like my sweater wasn't the secondary goal here!! Plus, this ain't platonic at all!!!
Oh yeah! It's so cold today...
Then I thought we could also go to the baths at La Qua...

You are so mean!!
I'm takin' the day off!! You liar!!
But... What about your part-time job, Kin-shima-kun?
No way, uh uh!! If you want to take a bath, do it at home!!
Also, I'm goin' along on your little shopping trip!!


Uh huh...
It will!
I'm glad there were some left. I think it'll really look good on you, Haruto-kun.

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天見
Amami

...Dammit.
'Cause of this chick, my boss is super mad at me.

Hey, hey, Yuzuki-chan, what kind of music do you usually listen to?
Do you have any favorite artists or anything?
Um, well... I listen to Kana Nishio a lot.
Her stuff is so sad. I love it.
Oh, I know her! It really is sad...
Yep! So saaad.

The hell kinda conversation is this...

What? Really?!
Me too, me too!! I want to teach at a girl's high school!!
No way! What a coincidence!!

Oh hey, next year you'll have to start job-searching, won't you?
Have you decided what you want to do yet, Yuzuki-chan?
Yeah, I've been thinking I want to be a teacher.

Wh... What's that supposed to mean?!
Yeah but you wanna do it 'cause you got ulterior motives, don't you?

Ah... So today I bought this practice book for the teacher's employment exam.
See!
オープンセサミシリーズ
教員採用

Ain't that a bit quick? You didn't really hafta buy it 'til we're juniors, did you?
I just feel better if I start getting ready early.

Uh...

Ah, so have you decided yet where you want to student teach?
Kyouoh Girls High, I bet?
Yeah. It's my alma mater.

Oh, wow! I really wanted to go to Kyouoh...
The uniforms were so cute!
Actually, I chose it because of that, myself.
I know, right!
Ah, but West High's uniforms were cute too.
Oh, I know! They had that lace on the nape of the neck and every-thing!!
....
Hey, Yuzuki-chan, why don't we go around some girls' schools to check them out!
For reference during our job search, you know!
Yeah! Let's go, let's go!!
Oh, I get it... This is how Yuzuki feels when Mana-chan and I talk cooking.
I want... to talk to you about travel-ing, Haritz-kun!!
It's so boring when you just talk about book-ing!!
Man, I feel bad about it now...
Bluh...
Wh... What is this... alien-ated feel-ing...

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
Sorry, I'm gonna go to the rest-room for a minute...
Oh. O-kay.
Hey, look...
How serious are you about this?
Huh?
Yuzuki-chan is really so cute!
The more I talk to her, the more I fall for her!
.....
If all you're after is best girl-friends...
...and not romance, then I don't really need to get in the way of that at all...

Huh.
It is romance.

I just thought you understood me, Kirishima-kun.
Is it really that weird for a girl to love another girl..?

Ahhh. Making another girl cry. I see.
C-C'mon, don't cry so fast!!
Well, the heart wants what the heart wants. I can't do anything about it!
Wahhhhh!!
But Yuzuki's my girl-friend, y'know.
No.. I wasn't tryin' to say that at all, I swear!!

You're just as much of a dog as ever, aren't you, Haruto-san?

R-Rin-chan!!

It's not like that!!
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Amami
Were you just breaking up with her?
I was just passing by this store and I saw you were here, so I decided to pop in.

Um, Kirishima-kun, who's this?
Yuzuki's younger sister. Rin-chan.
Nice to meet you!

This girl's a friend of mine from school!
Is that really true?

Just so you know, Yuzuki's here too.
She's just in the bathroom right now.
Whaat, boo-ring.

....
Rin-chan.

Huh?
...So cute.

Is this... destiny?
....
HUH?!
O..Okay...
GRIP
I'm Nao Takanami, a friend of Kirishima-kun's! Nice to meet you!!

So you're Yuzuki-chan's sister!!
I guess I should have known, since you're both so cute!!
Oh... but we're not blood related, though.
!!
S-Sorry! I... I didn't mean to bring up something personal...
No, it's fine.
Just a second marriage.

Oh, really? That must have been tough.
If you have any problems, you should let me know about them!
....
Th-thanks, but...
...I think I'll be fine...

Is...
Is she...

...just into cute chicks, no matter who they are?!
!!
DUN DUN
!

Rin-chan, do you like hot springs?
It's awfully cold today..!!
Wh.. Hey.. Haruto-saan!
Oh, your hair's so beauti-full!
This is idiotic..
Hey!!
More im-portant-ly-
..I guess I should start workin' toward my future, too.

#210 Someone Who Goes After Their Dreams?

tappity
tappity
A high school teacher... huh?
Hm? Oh, sure.
Haruto-kuuun! The bath is warmed up!

It's gettin' to be the end of the year, it wouldn't be so weird if it did.
Ah well...

By the way, it's awfully cold tonight.
Feels like it's going to snow.

Ah, can you take a quick one, then? I really want to get in.
Huh? Aw, can't I just enjoy my bath time?
But you take so loooong, Haruto-kun!

...Well, then.
Just get in with me?

S-Stop being crazy!
Haha, I was just jokin'.
All right. I'll just get out as fast as I can.

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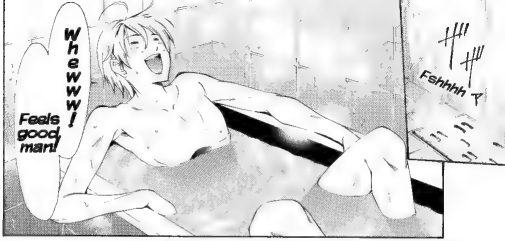

Whewww!
Feels good, man!
Fshhhh

Ah, thanks.
Haruto-kun, I left a towel and a change of clothes for you.

Oh, I'd better do laundry soon.
I'm running out of the clothes I teach cram school in.
....
Hey, Yuzuki.
Can I ask you a weird question?
What is it?

When I transferred into high school in Hiroshima.
Nope.
It was before that.
You, uh...
How'd you decide you wanted to become a teacher?
You know how Aoi-san came to our school to do student teaching and all?
I saw that and I thought it was really cool.
Wh... Did somethin' happen there? Somethin' that motivated you, or what-ever?
Was the fact you got a job teachin' cram school a factor?
They complimented me by telling me I was really good at teaching...
And then that same year, I helped Takashi-kun and Akari-chan with their homework over the summer break, right?
creak
Yeah, but...
That's awfully simple, isn't it?
That was really the whole reason you decided?

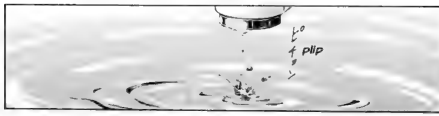
...isn't that just how things get started?

You-!!
What are...!!
Well I-
I did say that, but!!
You were the one who said we should bathe together, Haruto-kun...
...?!
He-
SPLISH

I was just thinking...
...it'd be a waste if the water got cold...
....
Well...
O-kay.
I'm coming in.
pap
Uh huh.

Um.
Is it okay if I get into the bath-tub..?
W-Well.. I mean, it's always so dark and I can't really see much.
SPLSH
I still feel kind of embar-rassed.. Even though you've seen me so many times..
Y-Yeah..
Okay..
So, c'mon, get in already !!
Huh?! Uh- Yeah!! It's cold, right?!
Look away for a sec!
Ah!
..?!

It's fine...
I guess I'm just a little embarrassed...
Ah...!!
Sorry!!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It really is...
...cramped in here.
Well...
There's really nowhere good to look...!

Hey.
Y-Yeah?!
I'm wondering... You said you wanted to open up your own restaurant in the future...
...what kind of place do you want it to be?

Uh... Well...
I... uh... I kinda...
Just a regular fixed-menu type place would be good.
Oh... Oh no... I'm gettin' real nervous!! Where do I look? I have no idea!!

A fixed-menu place...
But girls don't really like that type of place, you know?
I'M SOR-RY!
W-Well I'm not mad about it.
Ah... What if-
What if you think up a really great dessert for the place?
The kind that'll make girls want to come!

What?
M-Meaty buns-
Uh-
Um-
Why would you have meat buns after you eat dinner?
Are you being serious?!
NO!!
I mean!!
....
Or maybe pudding?
Yeah, what about pudding?
Ah!
Peach-es!? Peach!!
Like a pudding!!

Hey!
UH HUH?!
PUSH
You haven't just been thinking about sex this whole time, have you?

I'm just gonna get out all right!!
I'm feelin' a little dizzy!!
Wh-But we just got in!
Reeaally? But you've just been looking at my chest this whole time!
!!
O-OF course not!! I'm bein' real serious-
Oh nooo!!

SPLSH
Wh-
-Ah
EEEEEEK!
DONK
Augh!!

...
Ah... It's all right...
Well, what'd you think I was gonna do, seein' you naked in full light like that...
You really were just thinking of sex...
Oh... really...
I was just a little bit surprised seeing it in full on light myself.
....
Hm ?
I just wanted to know what made you go after it like that...
Why I want to become a teacher, and all.
Oh...
Just now ?
Why did you ask me about that just now?
Anyway, Haruto-kun...
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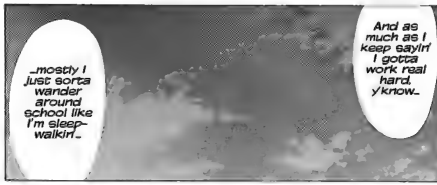
NTICE

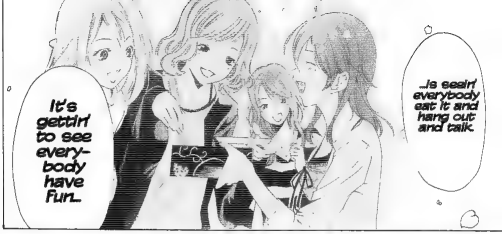
They have this real important goal and they're just goin' for it...
Shiho-san, Mana-chan, and Amaya were all kinda like that too...


...mostly I just sorta wander around school like I'm sleep-walkin'...
And as much as I keep sayin' I gotta work real hard, y'know...

Mmm...
...Well. You like cooking, don't you?

But the thing that actually makes me happy...
I mean... I like it all right, and I'm pretty good.

I'm just real...
...worried, I guess, that I actually don't wanna make cooking my career.


It's gettin' to see every-body have fun...
...is seein' everybody eat it and hang out and talk.

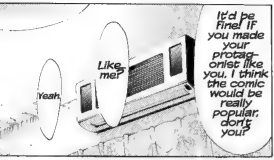
Yeah, but...
Just as long as you're doing a job that people enjoy and appre-ciate.
So you wouldn't neces-sarily have to be a cook, right?

TAP
That's very you...
Haru-to-kun.
Huh?

You can give it a lot of thought...
There's still time...

And no matter what you end up wanting to do...
...I'll be there on your side, cheering you on!...

Yu-zuki...


It'd be fine! If you made your protagonist like you, I think the comic would be really popular, don't you?
Like me?
Yeah.

Ah! What about being a manga editor?
You like manga, don't you, Haruto-kun?
Huh? But that's even harder than becoming a chef!!

...who's very reliable...
...oh, and...
...Someone who cares about their friends...
...works very hard...

Maybe just a bit of a pervert.
Hey!
...!!
I don't think about sex every minute of the day, you know!!
Ohh? And what about right now?
Well, now...
Maybe... a little...
I knew it!!
Yeah, but... I mean, the thing with the bath...

You were the one who said we should come to Hakone in the first place, after all.
wobble
wobble
Hey, Takashi, you gonna actually look?
Are you all right?
As pathetic as ever, huh, Takashi.
shiver
shiver
shiver
I get it. I'm sorry...
Let me out of this thing, please. It's totally gonna fall...
Sorry to be the only third wheel among all these couples.
What, no! The more, the merrier, right?
Look, look Kanzaki-san! There's so much smoke out there!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
Watch out, Fujikawa-kun, please sit down.
FUJIKAWA STAIR !!
Oh... Check out that view of Mount Fuji!

#211 The Best Time Ever.

That's cause of hot springs club, right?
Oh, by the way, great job getting the reservation at this ryokan so fast, Kiyomi-san.
It's not really that big a deal. Most companies start work back up on the 7th, so that's why this place is pretty empty.
...I really wish that Asuka-chan and Akari-chan could have come...
I just didn't think it would be worth it for them to come all the way from home just to spend one night, though.

By the way, Nanami-chan, how are things going with Fujikawa-kun?
You've been going out for about two months now.
Uh... What do you mean?
Ah, well, I got to see Akari-chan when I went home for new year's, though!
She says she goes to the hot springs every day with her co-workers, too.
Oh? Wow, I'm kind of jealous now.

Have you guys done it yet?
That's not it!!
Huh?!
N-No, we haven't.

I think they're adorable.
It's better than having a boyfriend who doesn't think of anything but sex.
Anyway, when the two of us are together, people keep mistaking us for siblings...
Ahaha! Yeah, like a little bit ago, you really looked like an older sister scolding her younger brother.

You're such a waste, man!!
Aw, man, that ain't good, that ain't good!!
Sh-Shut up! Like you're any better'n me!!
Don't try to force somebody else to do somethin' you can't even do, man.
....
Wh...
A woman's always waitin' for a dude to come in and bang! Start things movin'!
You just gotta go for it!
N-No way, I can't. I'm just happy being with her.
Huh?
The hell is that about?

...

Are you... Are you sayin' you graduated, man? Are you sayin' you lost it?
Well...

I said I don't need it! I just want to treasure my time with Kanzaki-san!!
F-Fujikawa-kun... Why don't you let Kirishima-senpai show you everything you need to know to get a girl in bed...

We're bros, aren't w-
H...Hey wait, Fujikawa!!
FWSH

No, no, c'mon, let's ask him. I mean it's a bridge you gotta cross someday!!
I'm really fine! And now I'm getting out!!

BWUH?!
...!!!

Woww!! It all looks so delicious!!
Hey, next time we all get together, you should make some of this stuff for us, Haruto-kun!
Like I even could!
Hey... Kiyomi...
DOOM
...I guess it turns out that people really aren't all born equal...
What's wrong with you this time...?

Hey, cut it out, Yura-kun!!
Pipe?
Take care a yourself, kar-zaki...
Fuji-kawa's dad mighta been a plumber, 'cause he's swingin' some real pipe...

What's the matter, you seem kind of out of it.
Did you over-heat?
Huh?
Nah, not really...
Wooo
Wooo

C'mon, we finally all got a chance to go on a trip with everyone...
....
...so let's be sure to have fun.
Yeah, you're right.

Oh, and don't you drink too much, okay?
'Cause you tend to kinda go crazy and make trouble.
I'll be fine! I'm an adult now, I can handle it.
Haha, well I hope so.

Nwa ha ha ha!
This sake is so goood!
Ohhh, aw you're makin' me blush!
Ahaha haha! Gross!!
You're so nasty!!
Isn't it? So good!
Goes down like water!!
tink
Yeah, water!!
Or like water wants to be!!
I... I swear I wasn't.
When we were at Lake Ashi, I know you were lookin' at other girls!
You were lookin' at other girls!
....

I knew it would end up like this...
Wooo
Can we get another bottle of sake?!
No, stop it!
Wooo

...Well.
It's fine, I guess. I'm not gonna get upset.

For really real and true?
I'm telling you I was only looking at you!

A ha ha ha!
DON!
ゴスッ

But...
...what's this feeling?
It should be fun, but...
Poof

Aha haha. I was just joking !!
You're just wasted!
I...Idiot! Cut it out, Hoshina!!

I'm really having fun!!!
I'm just having so much Funnn !!

Just fix your yukata alire-
I get it!

Um...
I'm just...

I'm Feeling warrrm !!
FLASH
I'm pretty sweaty, so I'm gonna get in the bath!!
Huh ?!

Wh-What is it this time?!
Wahhh!!
Hey, Haruto, you don't gotta get so mad that she cries, man.
She finally started to have fun and all!
I know, right!
No, I swear I wasn't even gettin' that mad!!
Hyh?
And...
The more I was thinking that, the sadder I got.
I was just thinking that it's the first time I've ever been on a trip with so many people and it's so so fun.
Ah, no, no! Sorry!

Well, how many more times...
...are we going to be able to get together like this...?

....
Ah... That's it.

That must be what I was feeling...
No matter how fun it is now...
...some-day...
...we'll all be sepa-rated.

Ahaha! What are you saying all of a sudden?!
We'll be able to get together for a trip, at least, no matter what!!

Wh...
But...

No I'm won't. I just wanna see you in a swimsuit, that's all!!
I knew it!!
Even though you'll still just be thinking of sex all the time.
Ooh, that sounds great!!
Plus, when we all get jobs, we'll be able to go to way fancier places, right?!
Like Hawaii and stuff!!

Hey, hey! So we can remember how much fun we had. I'm gonna take a picture!
I brought my camera!!
....
I-- I'm really--
--just really having so much fun!!
Uhh P!
FLASH
Oh yeah!
Let's get a picture!
Let me just set the timer and every-body get together!
Come on, Miyu-chan, smile!

Takashi-kun!!
BW-AUGH!!
Whirl! Whirl!
Fwump
BAAAAAM
Ahahaha. I'm soo hot!!
No. Fujikawa-kun, don't look!!
Well? How'd it turn out?
Hm-?
..Ah.
It looks great.

A town where you live
#212 Happy New Year!

How long's it take to get some clothes on?
Directions to the Coming of Age Ceremony
成人式のご案内
Damn, Yuzuki's takin' forever...
Sorryyy. Haruto-kun! I had them do my nails, too, so it took a while!
TOK
TOK
TOK
If you don't hurry up, we're gonna be l...

What do you think?
Woah... You're super cute...
Hee hee yayy!
Okay, let's hurry, the ceremony's going to start!
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tokka
Hey, watch out runnin' in those shoes!
WOOOSH
clackity
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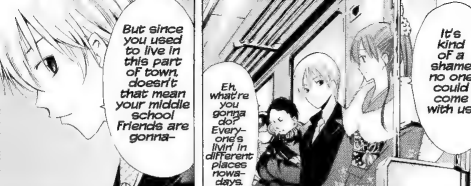

But since you used to live in this part of town, doesn't that mean your middle school friends are gonna-
Eh, what're you gonna do? Everyone's livin' in different places nowadays.
It's kind of a shame no one could come with us.

Hm?
Wait. Is that... Yuzuki?

It's been a while!!
Ah! Yumi-chan! And Kana-chan!!

It is!!
Wow, you turned out super hot!!

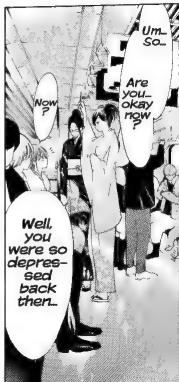
clatter
clatter
Since our middle school graduation, right?
That's the last time we met.
No...

Oh...
Speak of the devil.

It was at Kyousuke-kun's funeral, right?
...!

Oh... Right... That's right...
...Ah!

If I stayed sad forever, I think even Kyousuke-kun would be worried about me.
Yeah. I'm okay now.


Um... So...
Are you... okay now?
Now?
Well, you were so depressed back then...

You guys were so close in middle school. I was really worried.
clatter
clatter
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clatter
Well, then, I'm glad...

Huh?
Um. Hey, I was a friend of Kazama's in high school...
Oh, really?
I only knew the two of 'em in high school, so I'm kinda interested.
What were they like, back in middle school?
Yeah... I mean, more than friends but less than a couple, you know?
Uhhh... Wow, it's hard to explain.
....
Really
Oh... really?
1-B
But Yuzuki really didn't like him talking to her all the time, at first...
Haru-to-kun...

I'M PRETTY SURE I COULD BARELY TALK TO MY CLASS-MATES AT ALL.
I MEAN, BACK THEN, I WAS SUPER SHY...
Chatter
No way!!
Chatter
C'mon, gimme your fried shrimp!!
BUT ACTU-ALLY... SOME-WHERE IN MY HEART...
...I REALLY WANTED TO BE ABLE TO.

Hey, Eba, you wanna come eat with us?
C'mon over.
Huh...?!
Hey, where you goin' Kyousuke-kun?
Um...
I'm... fine....
Yeah! Eba-san's just the kind of person who eats alone!
Aw, just leave her be, Kazama.
Cmon, I invited ya! Lonely bread don't taste good, does it?
meijin
I'm... okay...
Yeah, yeah, come on back...
....

Wh?
Hey, where ya~
GRAB
TONK
Then I'll just eat here!
Huh ?!
...?!

I don't want it!
And... Um... I'm just fine, so... leave me alone...
Here, have some of my breaded ham!
Food tastes way better if you're eatin' with some-body!
No way!!
C'mon, it's fine!
Oh, can I have some of your juice?
...No...
I WAS REALLY HAPPY, BUT...
'Ey, Eba! I'm goin' to Micky D's with every-body, you wanna come?
...I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT.
Heyyy! Come to karaoke with us, Eba!
Fwoosh
I WAS SO SUR-PRISED...
NOBODY'D JUST COME UP AND TALKED TO ME LIKE THAT BEFORE...

...really use-less...
And so I felt really awful about myself...
....
Hey, Eba! You gonna come to the ocean with us? Y'know, during summer break.
I said hey!
Eba!!
I swear it'll be fun, c'mon...
Boy you're sure persis-tent, man. Why don't you just give it up?
Leave me alone.
Shut up, it's none of your busi-ness.

Just leave me alone!!
If you keep worrying about me, I'll just start feeling even more worth-less!!
Wh...
Hey, no, I wasn't talkin' to you 'cause I'm worried, I just...
I said cut it out, didn't I?!
I just... uh...
I'm not lyin'!!

I think you're cute, so...
...I wanted to get to know you so maybe I could ask you out...
...What?
Oh?! Was that it?!
No wonder you were so persistent!!
Sh-Shut it!!
He likes... me?!
But... What's he saying, out in the open like this?!
Huh?!
Hey Eba, what do you say?
Yeah, you gotta give him an answer!!

No, you don't gotta say anything right away, I don't mind-
Sorry!!
WHAT ?!
WOAHH!
Oooh, turned down flat!!
Man, that was fast!!
No no no no no!!
That wasn't the real thing!! That was just practice!!
I'll really ask you out someday in the future!!
...
You practiced against the real thing? That's too realistic, man!!
Yeah right, like you're ever gonna do it for real now!
Shut UP!!

Oh, yeahhh. He's way too much of a flirt, he'd totally cheat on you!
Wh?!
Good one, Eba-san!
Don't even think of dating him!!
'Ay, you girls, don't be tellin' her all those lies about me!!
chiiirp
It's the truth, though!
chiiirp
Right?!
chiiirp

Ahaha, right. I remember that!
Cap
Cap
Cap
"Will you go out with me, Ebar!" he said, and she said, "No way."
The next day he acted like it never happened.

Huhh.
So that's how it happened...

Kazama-kun really was too much of a flirt!
成人おめて
...but not dating him was the right deci-sion, Yuzuki.
I dunno how serious he was about the whole thing...

.....

Oh... Our seats are over there.
See you later, Yuzuki.
See you.

Huh?
You think he was really serious?
...That guy.

I do.
That's why I dated him...
Sorry...
You don't want to hear about stuff like that, do you?
Eh, I mean... I don't wanna hear about you guys flirtin' and makin' out or anything...
You asked, though!
I see.
...But...
I meant, he was happy back then, wasn't he?
...Hm?
zzzzzip
Hey, what is that, anyway?
In that huge bag...
Oh... Well.
I brought this 'cause I knew you'd probably be seein' people from middle school at this Coming of Age ceremony.
TONK

..
Ah.
I bet he was listening to all that and feeling super nostalgic.
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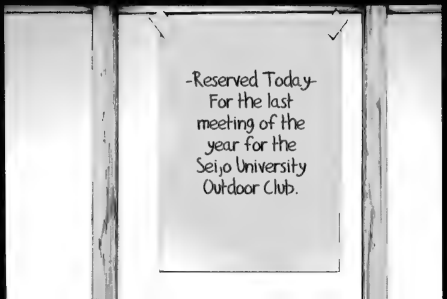
This guy.
....
Yeah.
This Space reserved for Kirishima's restaurant.
I bet he was.

A town where you live

#213 First Leadership Role?!



MURMUR
Hey, come over here!
Ohh?
Hey, three pints over here!!
MURMUR

Ahaha, really?
No, way! I wanted to go!
I heard that, too!
Oh my god, the seniors are really annoying!

Uh... No, I guess I'm kind of a handful when I drink.
You drinking!
What's up, Kirishima? You're just staring into space.
Staare

chatter
I thought we'd actually be doing something at the end of year meeting, but it's really just a drinking party, huh..
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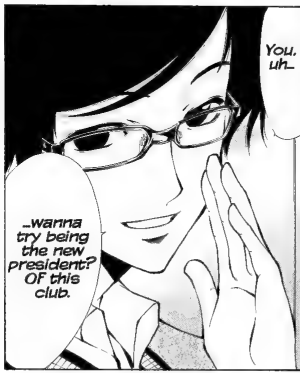
Well, yeah that's basically what it is.
Also, I guess it's kind of the retirement ceremony of the juniors..


You, uh..
..wanna try being the new president? Of this club.

Ahhh, that's right.
I have something I wanted to consult you on.
Woah, what's with the formality.

Huh?
....

No way, I can't!
I gotta look for a job!!
Plus I mean I haven't even participated in this club that much!!
Well, the person who's worked the hardest in this club has got to be Nagoshi, but...
I feel kind of... uncomfortable with makin' her the president.

Uh... Well... I kinda get that, but...
Right? So I was thinking you could be the president of the club and I could give Nagoshi the post of vice-president.
You guys get along pretty well, right?

I actually don't know if we get along or not, really.
And being president, well...
Anyway, just give it some thought.
I'll come talk to you again later, okay?
'Kay.

glance
I wonder what Nagoshi wants to do.
Does she even wanna do it?
Maybe I'll ask...
President, huh?
I'm pretty bad at stuff like that.
....
GLARE
Hey, Nagoshi...
D'you-
Wh-Hey!!
HMPH!
FORTUNE
What?
Wh?

How dare he talk to me, his girlfriend, after not even calling me once over Christmas or New Year's!
I'm not going to listen to a word he has to say!!
....
What is with her? Did I do something?
In trouble with a girl again, huh?
Huh?
I'm gonna tell my big sis on you!
Hmm? Did something happen between Kirishima-kun and Mina-chan?
Oh, I know. He totally cheated on her.
N..No! Mizumoto-senpai just asked if I'd be the president and-
Then why's Mina-chan mad at you?

That's what I wanna know!!
I just wanted to know if he already asked her if she wanted to be the vice-president!!
I was wondering what she wanted to do about it!!
Ohh, really?
Really!!

Of course I did! I told her the first time we all went out camping straight out!
He totally didn't I bet..
Did you make sure to tell her you've got a girlfriend?
Well, no matter how you slice it she's got a crush on you.

You're just too wonderful, Kirishima-kun...
And now... You're happy just being together with me?

And so now I finally got together with her...
...I'm pretty happy about it.

Anyway! What do you think of me being president!?
There's no way, right!?

I let her know!
Ohh, you did!?

You'll be more popular if you become the president...
Haaa-rem!!
You aren't a member, so shut up! Also, why are you even here?
What, no you should do it! You're such a good cook!
I'm quitting anyway, so I don't really care!!

I heard my name...
What are they talking about...?
Glance
Glance

!!
Hey, Nagoshi, c'mere for a sec!
I got something to talk to you about!!

Oh she's mad...
HEY!!
How spineless can you be?
TURN
He probably just talked to all of them about how to win me back over, I bet!

I told you nothin' happened!!
Something really happened, didn't it?
You can tell us. I prroomise!

chatter
chatter

Just ahead on your left, sir.
Um, 'scuse me, where's the bathroom at?

Jeez, already...
I finally made it out...

Drinkin' nothin' but tea sure makes you gotta go...
TOILET

Huh?!
Wah!!
NA-GO-SHI!!
BAM
Heyy!!
S-sorry! The door was open, so I just-

H-Hey...
Um...
I'm real real sorry, Nagoshi-saaan!
It was my bad, really.
.....
CHK
CHK
I get it already, Jeez.
KACHK
You don't have to follow me all the way to the bathroom.
I guess... I can just listen to what you have to say...

Wh-?
So? What is it you want with me from now on?
Uh. Yeah.
I wasn't really followin' you at all, though.

Well, I mean, it's hard to say...
Oh... So she already heard from senpai about bein' the vice president, then.

I guess if she spends that much time participatin' in the club, she must be for it...
S-Sorry- Well...

What do you want to do?
I just wanted to ask you-
HUH?!
What do you mean by saying that, now? You already know how I feel, don't you?!

That's not it!!
I did as much as I could! I started 'cause I wanted to, didn't I?
I'm the one who doesn't know how you feel!
Why haven't you come at all?! If you don't want to do it, then just say you don't!!

But I got a job and all...
And this year I gotta start looking for a career...
I was nervous about it and that's why I wanted to ask you what you wanted to do...
IF I end up just doin' whatever, it's gonna be a pain for you, too, right?

....
I...
...get that.

....
Hmm.

So, I'm announcing the next president of the club!!

But IF that's the reason, then can't I help out and do my fair sharg too...?
When it gets hard...
...I mean, if you're okay with that...

It's gonna be Kirishima!!
And the vice president is Nagoshi!!

Huh?!
Wh-

If you're president, you gotta actually come to meetings, you know!!
All right, do it Kirishima!!

If I waited for you to say yes, I wouldn't be able to make a decision at all...
...you'd just waffle about it forever.

DASH
What're you doin', man!?
I didn't say I would do it...!
Hm?

Well, maybe so, but!!
How can you force me into it like this...?!
It'll be fine.

I mean, you haven't decided what kinda job you're looking for yet, right?
Making a decision like that is really a waste of time.

Uh, well...
Huh.

So just try it out.
You always hold back in situations with a lot of people, and that's no good.
...I guess.
But as president, you have to take the initiative and keep in touch with all the club members...
Don't you think it's a good idea to try to be a little more like that?

I think it'll help you in the future...
...at least a little bit...
....
...May-be.
....
I'll do my best! Okay?!
This has to be destiny, this coinci-dence...
Huh?
Let's do it, Kiri-shi-ma-kun.

All right. I get it!
Then, let's do it!!
...Jeez. Idiot.
How could I hate him with a face like that?
Do it right, Kirishima!
Make us some good food, okay, dude?!
WHOOO!
chatter
So, sorry in advance for everything I'm probably going to put you through, Nagoshi!
chatter
Oh, I'll do my best!♥

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